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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF KEY POINTS IN STATEMENT MADE TO THE PRESS FEBRUARY 13 BY GISCARD AT THE END OF FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT NEAR NICE, AS REPORTED BY AFP.

2. MONETARY PROBLEMS: "AFTER THE WORK OF OUR FINANCE MINISTERS, THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND I HAVE RE-AFFIRMED OUR ATTACHMENT TO THE MECHANISM OF THE SNAKE WHICH CONSTITUTES IN OUR EYES AN ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION. IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NOTHING JUSTIFIES MODIFICATION OF THE EXCHANGE RATE BETWEEN THE DM AND THE FRANC. FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, AND CONFORMING TO THE AGREEMENTS THAT WE TOOK AT RAMBOUILLET, WE HAVE ASKED OUR RESPECTIVE CENTRAL BANKS TO

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CLOSELY COORDINATE THEIR MONETARY POLICY AND INTENSIFY

THEIR INTERVENTION AS FAR AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
RE-ESTABLISH CALM ON THE EXCHANGE MARKETS."

3. NUCLEAR REACTORS: "WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS BETWEEN
GERMAN AND FRENCH INDUSTRIES, THE RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS
WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP A COMMON DECLARATION REGARDING
FRANCO-GERMAN COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR
REACTORS. THAT IS TO SAY, ON THE ONE HAND, BREEDER
REACTORS AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, HIGH TEMPERATURE
REACTORS."

4. TERRORISM: "THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR FORESEE AN
INTENSIFICATION OF COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
TERRORISM, BOTH THROUGH EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND BY
TECHNICAL SYSTEMS. AGREEMENTS WILL BE PREPARED TO THAT
END. THEY ALSO PREPARED FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN MEETING
OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CRIMINALITY (SIC), WHICH WILL
OCCUR NEXT SPRING."

5. FOREIGN POLICY SUBJECTS: "THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS EXAMINED FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS INCLUDING THE
SITUATION IN THIS OR THAT PART OF AFRICA AND NOTABLY
IN ANGOLA, AS WELL AS PROBLEMS CLOSER TO EUROPE SUCH AS
THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS."

6. EUROPEAN PASSPORT: "THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR ALSO
MOVED FORWARD ON THE QUESTION OF A EUROPEAN PASSPORT,
SINCE HENCEFORTH THERE WILL ONLY BE TWO ALTERNATIVE
TYPES OF PASSPORTS, BETWEEN WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO
CHOOSE SOON."

7. EUROPE: "WE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHANCELLOR THE
PROBLEMS POSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL
INSTITUTIONS OF EUROPE. THIS ONLY INVOLVED AN EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS SINCE THE COMPETENT BODY IS THE EUROPEAN

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COUNCIL, AND THAT COUNCIL WILL MEET AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL IN LUXEMBOURG. MOREOVER, WE HOPE THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WILL OPEN DISCUSSION (OF THIS SUBJECT) AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE PREMATURELY BROACHED BY THE TAKING OF POSITIONS WHICH COULD COMPLICATE OR HARDEN THE REFLECTION THAT WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE TOGETHER."

8. EC DIRECTORATE: IN SEPARATE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, THE GERMAN SPOKESMAN (GRUNEWALD) UNDERLINED GERMAN DISAPPROVAL OF THE IDEA OF A RESTRICTED "DIRECTORATE" RESPONSIBLE FOR STIMULATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE. HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT RAISED BY THE FRENCH PRESIDENT DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND THAT HIS REACTION WAS DIRECTED TOWARD WHAT THE FRENCH PRESS HAD WRITTEN CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. HE ADDED THAT "THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INVOLVES NINE STATES AND THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REPRESENTING NINE GOVERNMENTS. THEREFORE TO TAKE A DECISION IN A MORE RESTRAINED GROUP UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTS A CERTAIN DANGER: IT DOESN'T ADVANCE THE PROCEDURE (OF DECISION) AND IT INVOLVES A RISK OF TAKING A STEP IN REVERSE . . . THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG THINKS THAT A POSSIBLE DIRECTORATE OR AN 'EQUIPE DE TETE' WOULD NOT ADVANCE VERY MUCH THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY. THE FRENCH SPOKESMAN (ROSSI) CONFIRMED THAT GISCARD DID NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH SCHMIDT.

9. GENERAL: GISCARD SAID IT WAS, THUS, AN EXCHANGE OF REFLECTIONS BETWEEN US. I HAVE NOTED THAT ON THE SUBJECTS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED, OUR VIEWS WERE MOST OFTEN PARALLEL AND

VERY OFTEN IDENTICAL. FINALLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS
HAS BEEN MARKED BY A SPIRIT OF PROFOUND CONFIDENCE. ON
ALL THE SUBJECTS WE DISCUSSED, WE EXPRESSED OURSELVES
IN COMPLETE LIBERTY AND TOTAL CONFIDENCE THE WAY IT
SHOULD BE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN
RECENT YEARS IN MAKING THEIR COOPERATION A MODEL."
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